



Donald Wickert

November 22, 1922 - January 5, 2010

Donald L. Wickert formerly of Palatine Donald L. Wickert, 89, passed away Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. Donald was the loving husband for 55 years of the late Rae Wickert; beloved father of Lynn Dowell, Caryn (John) Finlay and Jan Rayome; cherished grandfather of Christopher Dowell, Kevin and Brian Finlay, and Kyle and Tyler Rayome; and great-grandfather to Kira, Mason and Logan Dowell. Don was born in Chicago on Nov. 22, 1922. He was a 1940 graduate of Steinmetz High School in Chicago, and attended Wright Junior College. He enlisted in the Army after Pearl Harbor and was assigned to the Signal Corps, where he served in the Panama Canal Zone until the end of the war. In 1949, Don was hired by the Pure Oil Company, where he was a valued employee for over 38 years, retiring in 1987. In 1972, when Pure Oil Company merged with Union Oil Company of California, Don was chosen as one of the five accountants to work with the Union Oil Company to blend the accounting departments into one. That process took two years and was Don's greatest accomplishment. Don was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed working on his cars and in his yard. He enjoyed bowling and golfing and was in leagues until he was 87 years old. Don was a life member of the BPOE Elks Club. He was an active member for over 50 years, serving as a trustee for many years. He was very active in their philanthropic efforts. He was Elk of the Year for Lodge 2048 in 1990-1991. Visitation will be from 4:30 p.m. until the time of service at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave.,

Libertyville. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association , 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631-3473, or online at www.alz.org, are appreciated. For information, call 847-362-3009.